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RE: Spectators at Fields

We are all extremely happy to be back on the field playing the game we all love and for the most part we are proud of the effort our clubs, players, and parents have put in during this return to play phase. However, we continue to be forced to revisit the same issue – the issue of too many people at fields.

As noted, in recent weeks many of our member associations, particularly those in the Municipality of Saanich, have fielded several complaints about there being too many people around the fields during games.

LISA stands behind its member clubs and their efforts to meet the PHO order and abide by their respective Return to Sport Plans. We are urging all participants to please respect the rules and regulations set in place by the host club. For many clubs this includes a restriction on spectator attendance. If you are travelling to an away game and are unsure of the regulations being implemented by the host club please ask your opposition to share the relevant information. All relevant information should be posted on the host clubs website. You can find all LISA Club websites listed here: <https://www.lowerislandsoccer.com/clubs>. LISA's messaging has been consistent throughout this phase and we continue to recommend that spectators do not attend matches or training sessions.

We have all put in a sizeable effort to bring soccer safely back under these strict protocols. It is a condition of field permits for the clubs to follow the PHO order and their COVID-19 Safety and Return to Sport plans – The clubs have demonstrated commitment to this in planning and implementation which is why they have been granted the field permits in the first place. To disregard the PHO order and the club COVID-19 Return to Sport plans would be to risk losing those permits and soccer for EVERYONE!

Wishing everyone a safe weekend of soccer,

Stuart Bancroft  
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